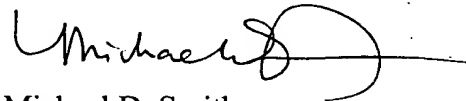


Newly added claim 294 reads on elected species of the invention and should thus be included in Group I. Applicants submit that claim 294 is also generic to both species of the invention identified by the Examiner.

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The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000 should there be any questions regarding any of the above.

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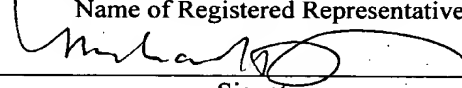
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